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REPUBLICANS CARRY COUNTY AND STATE

Nearly Every Office in County Won by Republicans

In Monday's election Col. William Tudor Gardiner was elected Governor and Senator Frederick Hale re-elected to the United States Senate by about 70,000 majority. Congressman White defeated his opponent, Col. Belliveau of Rumford by a majority of about 3,700. Although Sheriff Frothingham ran far ahead of his ticket he was defeated by the Republican candidate, Harry Stinson of Norway. The complete returns for the County will be found below.

Representatives to Legislature	Wight (R) Foster (D)
Albany	21
Andover	25
Bethel	376
Byron	81
Gilead	18
Greenwood	88
Mason	6
Newry	50
Upton	25
Lincoln Pl.	5
Magalloway Pl.	6
Milton Pl.	18
	918

	Hatch (R)	McIntire (D)
Lovell	216	55
Norway,	515	450
Stoneham,	43	20
Sweden,	24	9
Waterford,	121	123

	Perham (R)	Cole (D)
Oxford,	157	60
Paris,	825	287
	1012	347

	MacKinnon(R)	Goodwin(D)
Mexico,	538	561
Peru,	145	82
Woodstock,	229	54
	812	697

	Stetson (R)	Towne (D)
Buckfield,	122	223
Wanton,	125	146
Dixfield,	321	94
Hartford,	44	169
Hebron,	125	27
Sumner,	126	109
	863	768

Booker Morse(R)	Marble Moleher(D)
Hanover, 85 69	15 16
Roxbury, 62 60	19 28
Rumford, 1270 1343	1459 1333
1400 1472	1493 1377

	Stanley (R)	Lowell (D)
Brownfield,	118	92
Denmark,	106	12
Pryeburg,	394	68
Hiram,	156	137
Porter,	294	36
Stow,	18	19
	1050	453

Books Added to Bethel Library in August

With Malice toward None, Peter B. Kyne
Honore W. Morrow
The Last Trail, Wm. Paine
The Winds of Chance, Rex Beach
The Trail of the Hawk, Sinclair Lewis
The Malefactor, E. P. Oppenheim
The Patrol of the San Dance Trail, Ralph Connor
The Girl, Norman Hovey
The Crime Doctor, E. W. Hornung
The Mystery, S. E. White and S. H. Adams
The Westerners, Stewart E. White

Given by Mrs. Dunning
Albert E. Dunning
Hartlett Westbrook Dunning
Given by Mrs. A. F. Copeland
The Winds of Chance, Rex Beach
The Last Trail, Wm. Paine
The Trail of the Hawk, Sinclair Lewis
The Malefactor, E. P. Oppenheim
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Miss Muriel Park left town on Monday. After visiting friends in Massachusetts and Connecticut she will go to New York to resume her position as teacher of English and Latin in the Putnam School.

Miss Alice Chapman and Miss Emma M. Marshall have received word that their applications for admission to the Ithaca School of Physical Education have been accepted. They will begin their work the latter part of this month and will have the benefit of study under the direct supervision of Dr. Albert H. Sharpe, the well-known authority on all subjects pertaining to physical training, athletics, and coaching. It is understood that there are over two hundred new students entering this institution of which the Ithaca School of Physical Education is a part.

Thomas—Chapman

The marriage of Miss Gertrude A. Chapman, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Chapman of Northwest Bethel, to J. Wallace Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Auburn, Maine, took place at three o'clock, September eighth at the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed on the lawn, under an evergreen and flower arch in the presence of many relatives and friends, by Rev. W. Stanley Carney of Gorham, Maine, cousin of the bride, the double ring service being used.

The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of cut flowers.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white satin back crepe with a tulle veil, surrounded with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white asters.

Miss Alice Chapman, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Miss Alice wore a dainty gown of blue crepe de chine and carried blush asters.

Miss Gwendolyn Godwin, intimate friend of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and wore a dress of blue and tan flat crepe and also carried blush asters.

Charles Goodine of Rumford, Maine, friend of the groom, served as best man.

The bride's presents to the maid of honor and bride's maid were white gold vanity cases and the groom's present to the best man was white gold cuff links.

An informal reception and wedding luncheon followed. The guest book being in charge of Mrs. Stanley Carney. At the close of the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left by auto for a wedding trip to parts unknown.

The bride's going away costume was a printed flat crepe ensemble with accessories to match.

After September 17th, they will be at home to their many friends at the Paul Bluen Blueck, Pine Street, Rumford.

The bride graduated from Gould Academy, class of '23, attending summer schools at Gorham, Me., and has been a successful teacher in the schools of Norway, Bethel and Greenwood.

The groom received his education in the public schools of Mercer, Maine, and is now employed by the Oxford Paper Company, Rumford.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts and the bride's youngest sister, Miss Frances Chapman, had charge of the gift room. Their many friends extend best wishes for their future happiness.

Parent Teacher Meeting

The first Parent Teacher meeting of the season will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. An informal reception in charge of Mrs. Ralph Young, Miss Dorothy Goodwin, and Mrs. Arnold Brown will be given the teachers.

The nominating committee for the coming year is made up of the following: Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhoven, A. E. Chapman, Mrs. T. I. Brown, Mrs. E. F. Bisbee, Miss Alice Ballard. Don't forget the date, Sept. 17, at the Grammar School. All relatives and friends invited.

Albert Brown left Tuesday for Gorham Normal School.

Catherine S. Howe

Miss Catherine S. Howe, who died here Wednesday, September 5, was the daughter of Calvin and Thirza Kimball Howe. She was born at the Howe homestead in North Rumford, near the banks of the Ellis, in 1845. In early life, being one of the younger children, she resigned a position as bookkeeper for a Portland firm, to return to the old home and render needed care to her parents during their declining days. From that time onward, her loving and patient ministrations brightened the later years for one or another of the older members of her family, until she too reached the time of life when active service for others is no longer possible.

For more than two generations her spirit of helpfulness and her generous hospitality made the old home on the Ellis the naturally accepted gathering place, not only of all branches of her family, but also of neighbors and friends for miles around who knew and loved her as "Aunt Kate."

In 1915, when the last of these to whom she had given life's best efforts at Rumford had passed beyond, she came to Bethel and made her home with a younger sister, Mrs. Hiram H. Bean, on Main Street, and since the death of her sister, until this season, has spent her summers at the Bean place. A devout member of the Congregational Church here, she was one who made her daily life the expression of her religious convictions. Her kindly presence will long be missed by many of the townspeople.

There will be a meeting of the Garden Club and Chick Club at the Bethel Grange Hall, next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Evelyn Plummer, County Club agent, and Donald Ridley, County Farm Bureau agent, will be present and speak to the boys and girls.

It is hoped that there will be a large number present to enjoy and profit by the talks by Miss Plummer and Mr. Ridley.

Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith sustained very painful injuries Monday afternoon while swinging on the "giant stride" at the grammar school building. He was swinging very high and caught his leg on a ladder which was leaning against the fence adjoining Mr. Van's place. A long gash was torn in his leg, requiring several stitches to close the wound.

The regular meeting of Sunset Rehearsal League will be held Monday evening, September 16. The 77th anniversary of the Rehearsal degree will be observed.

Mrs. Charles Davis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Conroy and two children and Mrs. Grace Swan on a delightful trip through the mountains by the way of Lacombe, Concord and Nashua. Mrs. Davis visited at the Bryant Homestead in Lowell, and the rest of the party went to Malden. On their return trip they stopped at Salisbury, Hampton and Wells beaches, arriving home Tuesday, Sept. 6, making 600 miles.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

C. L. Davis was in Lewiston Friday on business.

Arthur Herrick and family were in Portland Monday.

Harold Hastings and family have returned to Dorchester, Mass.

Glyndon Sawin was the guest of relatives in Albany recently.

Laurence Bartlett was a recent guest of S. G. Bean of Albany.

Vivian Hutchins of Schenectady spent the week end in town.

Mrs. James Westleigh was at her home at West Bethel Sunday.

Miss Gladys Gibbs will attend Gorham Normal School this coming year.

Millard Clough and crew are painting for Winfield Brown at North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Rich and family have returned to Torrington, Conn.

Mrs. Ed Clark and daughter of Massachusetts are guests of Mrs. Angella Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lord of South Paris were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawin.

There was a heavy frost Monday which did considerable damage to the crops in some localities.

Gay Perkins was in Mechanic Falls Monday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Reginald T. Foster.

Mrs. Sadie Tuell, Mrs. Annie Johnson, and Mrs. Carl L. Brown spent Tuesday with Mrs. Charles Crosby.

The Bethel baseball team will play its return game with West Paris at West Paris Saturday afternoon.

Warren Hutchinson has been spending a few days in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crosby.

The new school building at East Bethel is completed and school began there Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Smith and daughter, and Mrs. Anna B. French were in Monmouth Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt are entertaining Mr. Hunt's mother, Mrs. Fred A. Hunt of Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wormell and son Gay of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis.

Miss Adelaide Bean returned from Lewiston Tuesday, after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones.

The Misses Mary Thurston and June Brown are spending the week with friends and relatives at Waterford.

Mrs. Grace Cole of Malden, Mass., is the guest of her son, Harold King, and daughter, Mrs. Lucian Littlehale.

Mrs. E. F. Johnson of Farmington and Flint Johnson of Brattleboro, Vt., were guests of Miss Hattie Foster the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough were in Gorham, Maine, Tuesday. Their daughter, Maxine, will attend Gorham Normal School.

Mrs. Ula Parsons and daughter Marion, Mrs. Gertrude Haggood, Laurence and Mildred Bartlett were in Rumford Monday afternoon.

Chapman—Hastings

At the residence of the bride's parents, Saturday at one o'clock, the wedding of Miss Ruth Hastings and William Chapman took place. Rev. L. A. Edwards, pastor of the Bethel Congregational church officiated using the double ring service. The bride entered the room to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" played by Mrs. Annie Willey, an intimate friend of the family, and took their places under an arch of evergreen and gladiolus, where the ceremony was performed. Only the immediate families were present. Among them were the grandfather and aunt of the bridegroom, B. F. Sprout and Miss Annette Sprout of Chillicothe, O.

The bride's dress was of white satin. She wore a cap shaped veil caught with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Helen Goodall, Mechanic Falls, a room-mate of the bride during her four years at Bates College, wore a dress of rose beige georgette and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Donald Sweeney a classmate of both bride and bridegroom was best man.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hastings of Bethel. She is a graduate of Gould Academy in the class of 1924, also a graduate from Bates College, class of 1925, and is one of Bethel's popular young ladies.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Gilead and was also graduated from Gould Academy in 1924. He graduated from Hebron Academy and attended the U. of M. two years, and was a member of the A. T. O. fraternity. He will engage in agriculture in Bethel.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts of silver, glass, china, linen, electrical appliances and checks.

The bride's gift to the maid of honor was a gold vanity case and the bridegroom's gift to the best man a cigar lighter.

Following the ceremony a reception was held. Mrs. Hastings, mother of the bride was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Jack Chapman, mother of the bridegroom. Mrs. Fred L. Edwards had charge of the guest book. The rooms were decorated with garden flowers, the dining room decorations being in yellow. A buffet lunch was served by several of the girl friends of the bride. Directly after the reception Mr. and Mrs. Chapman left for Montreal and Quebec, the bride traveling in a brown ensemble costume, with a fox wrap, the gift of the bridegroom. Upon their return they will reside at Bethel.

Farm Fire at Paris

The buildings of Arthur Brooks on Stearns Hill, Paris, were burned Wednesday night of last week. The fire attracted a large crowd but there was no chance of saving the buildings. The stock and farming tools were saved and the house furnishings except those near the chimney where the fire started.

This was one of the oldest sets of buildings in Paris and was about 100 years old. The farm was in the Stearns family until a few years ago, the burned buildings having been built by Marshall Stearns. The place has been occupied on by Arthur Brooks since last spring.

BETHEL DEFEATED BY WEST PARIS, 8 TO 6

West Paris Wins in Fast Game on Bethel's Home Field

The Pine Tree Leaguers were too good for Bethel last Thursday. The teams each collected thirteen hits but heads up baseball won for the visitors.

At the beginning of the game West Paris looked to be the better team by far but from the fifth inning the game began to take on more of a Bethel hue.

It seems to take the locals about five innings to get going in both hitting and fielding. West Paris scored five of its eight runs in the first five innings while Bethel was getting one.

With the score eight to four against them Bethel staged a rally that just fell short of winning the game. Goddard got his only hit of the game and Bartlett also found P. Doughty for the time. Robertson advanced them on his infield out and Howe scored them with his second hit of the game, but was caught at second, making two out.

Eldredge got a life on Ross' error but Swan was out on a fine catch by the opposing center fielder.

Allen pitched for the locals and except in the early innings held the Pine Tree sluggers well in check. Faltering support in critical moments spelled defeat for the locals.

All in all it was a game well worth watching. There was something happening every minute and the nine inning game was played in an hour and thirty-five minutes, remarkably quick time.

BETHEL ab r h po a e
Goddard ss, 4 1 1 1 3 2
Bartlett c, 5 1 1 7 0 0
Robertson 3b, 5 0 1 2 0 0
Howe 1b, 5 0 2 13 0 1
Eldredge 2b, 5 1 2 2 0 0
Swan cf, 5 0 1 2 0 0
Young rf, 4 2 1 0 1 0
Allen p, 3 1 3 0 0 0
Robinson lf, 2 0 0 0 0 0
Burnham lf, 2 0 1 1 0 1

WEST PARIS ab r h po a e
Goddard ss, 4 1 1 1 3 2
Ross 2b, 5 2 3 3 2 2
R. Doughty p, 5 2 2 0 0 0
Proctor 3b, 4 1 2 1 3 1
Rowe f, 1 0 0 0 0 0
O. Doughty 1b, 5 1 3 9 0 1
Penley ss, 5 0 0 1 0 1
Burnham rf, 5 0 1 0 0 0
Gardner cf, 4 1 1 4 0 0
Wardwell lf, 4 0 1 3 0 0

Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Bethel, 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 12—6
West Paris 2 1 0 0 2 1 0 0—8

Summary. Earned runs, Bethel 5, West Paris 5. Two base hits—Allen 3, Swan, Young, R. Doughty. Three base hits—Ross, O. Doughty, Proctor. First on balls—off Allen 2, off R. Doughty 2. Struck out by Allen 7, by R. Doughty 5. Left on bases Bethel 9, West Paris 8. Wild Pitches, Allen 2, Balk, Allen. First base on errors—Bethel 2, West Paris 3. Hit by pitcher by Allen (Howe). Umpires Berry and H. Young. Scorer Davis. Time of game 1 hour, 35 minutes.

BETHEL DEFEATS NORWAY RATTLES BY SCORE 22-5

The Norway team may have been "Rattles" at some time in the past but their rattles had been removed long before they reached here.

In a very listless and loosely played game the locals swamped their opponents with practically every man on the home team connecting safely. If there are many more games of this sort to be played the scorer will need an adding machine to total the hits and runs.

The hitting of Bartlett with a single, double, three-bagger and home run in six times at bat was the big noise for Bethel, while the sportsmanship of Johnson was the only redeeming feature of Norway's debacle.

BETHEL ab r h po a e
Gill p, 1 4 0 0 3 1
Bartlett c, 6 4 4 11 0 1
Robertson 3b, 6 5 3 1 0 0
Howe 1b, 5 2 2 6 1 1
Eldredge 2b, 4 0 1 6 3 1
Young ss, 5 1 1 4 1 1
Burnham rf, 5 1 2 0 0 0
Robinson lf, 5 2 3 1 1 0
Johnson cf, 5 2 1 1 0 1
Goddard lf, 6 0 0 0 0 0

NORWAY ab r h po a e
Hanson ss, 5 1 2 0 0 0
A. Labossier c, 3 2 0 0 2 1
W. Labossier 3b, 6 0 0 2 1 0
Wing 2b, 5 1 3 5 5 1
Everett, cf, lf, 5b, 4 0 0 0 1 3
McAlister 1b, 5 0 1 11 0 1
McKay rf, 4 1 1 0 0 0
Johnson lf, 5b, 5 0 1 1 0 1
G. Labossier p, 5b, 2 0 0 0 0 1
Martin cf, 4 0 0 1 0 0

*Burnham out in 7th bunting foul on third strike.

Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Norway 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1—5
Bethel 3 6 4 0 1 1 3 —22

Summary. Earned runs, Bethel 13, Norway 1. Two base hits, Bartlett, Robertson, Johnson. Three base hit, Robertson, Johnson. (Continued on page 4)

RESULTS OF MONDAY'S ELECTION IN OXFORD COUNTY

	Hale	Gardiner	Hayford	White	Wheeler	Hastings	Park	Simons	Kavanaugh	Baker	Holmes	Moan	McDonough	Beliveau	L. E. McIntire	McDonald	Towne	Frothingham	McCarthy	Seavey	Yes	No
Albany	62	63	62	62	64	63	63	63	63	63	28	26	25	29	23	25	24	34	26	26	16	52
Andover	238	241	234	442	238	236	237	232	229	234	36	26	28	34	37	28	28	29	29	29	89	54
BETHEL	397	409	392	403	404	403	347	378	396	167	159	152	159	160	160	148	150	213	165	161	284	126
Brownfield	139	123	127	128	123	124	121	116	124	122	82	99	81	89	83	82	81	95	89	84		
Buckfield	214	224	222	226	223	220	156	194	192	129	124	223	126	141	129	129	123	123	124			
Byron	39	39	31	39	39	29	39	27	28	29	19	19	0	19	10	10	13	12	10	25	13	
Canton	187	188	186	185	181	179	109	125	177	177	75	83	74	82	77	89	71	121	84	73	51	56
Denmark	111	108	106	103	104	107	104	103	104	106	59	51	51	51	52	50	49	57	59	51		
Dixfield	377	374	373	375	362	356	367	351	354	342	64	72	74	69	72	70	65	226	87	73	294	116
Fryeburg	44	405	379	403	374	396	369	345	376	497	67	68	63	61	77	60	59	119	65	79		
Gilead	19	20	18	20	19	22	18	12	14	19	24	25	23	23	24	22	24	21	23	24		
Gorham	88	91	85	92	87	85	99	81	86	87	43	45	41	42	44	41	41	47	41	43	44	32
Hanover	70	71	72	73	74	73	74	64	64	70	15	17	13	12	15	15	15	21	15	14	24	50
Hartford	111	121	114	118	111	116	124	109	110	113	78	81	73	78	74	73	73	106	82	76		
Hebron	184	184	182	187	184	184	187	115	187	181	32	32	32	27	31	27	25	62	26	24		
Hiram	156	178	175	179	173	174	173	171	171	170	165	169	166	161	165	160	164	164	164	164		
Lewiston	191	194	192	194	186	190	192	171	183	149	53	55	49	47	53	50	49	81	34	118		
Mason	6		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	2
Meriden	674	674	624	650	633	619	661	542	540	613	411	391	395	417	409	439	386	478	400			
Newry	46	46	42	47	44	44	54	46	42	42	53	39	33	36	36	31	31	41	35	33	26	41
Norway	606	604	521	594	564	582	563	520	542	547	347	342	355	576	416	378	410	492	389	395		
Orford	803	291	193	304	186	106	169	186	187	37	58	62	62	67	54	57	100	56	37			
Parsippany	263	275	180	241	263	244	274	247	277	225	361	278	236	272	356	269	269	441	281	273	514	294
Peterborough	156	161	144	154	147	152	156	129	141	146	65	65	68	66	70	69	65	114	70	67	91	166
Porter	247	248	245	256	256	246	246	245	241	240	37	46	35	36	36	35	35	33	49	23		
Rutland	69	69	64	79	69	67	67	44	54	63	12	12	12	17	25	24	10	40	35	22	56	29
Salem	1396	1374	1251	1338	1334	1316	1392	1161	1143	1245	1468	1429	1441	1359	1434	1546	1410	1695	1332	1421		
Stonham	35	34	31	35	37	31	33	49	31	48	14	18	18	19	18	18	18	23	18	20		
Swanton	12	23	10	20	20	10	18	10	18	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Tamworth	184	187	173	185	187	184	184	157	174	178	90	90	91	84	97	83	85	135	69	84		
Thetford	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Upton	29	32	39	32	29	31	34	27	23	23	14	14	12	13	13	14	13	24	23	12	4	9
Waterford	147	147	141	146	124	144	145	119	139	137	93	109	96	92	110	93	97	129	98	99		
Woodstock	230	236	236	237	219	256	239	231	227	225	64	56	62	66	73	66	66	89	59	53		
Lincoln Pl.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Magalloway Pl.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	2	12
Millon Pl.	19	24	17	18	19	19	19	17	17	10	8	8	8	12	10	8	8	23	10	9		
Totals	7832	7937	7566	7870	7611	7643	7294	6378	7369	7327	4126	4102	4076	4277	4224	4210	3266	5728	4939	4116		

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Brooms and the Boards

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WHEN Malda Sweet, dramatic reader and impersonator, discovered that the ten or fifteen dollars she could get for an occasional afternoon before a woman's club or other organization was not enough to pay the rent and buy her clothes she made use of the only other talents that were left her, those of housekeeping. In a way the dual role suited her sense of the dramatic. She acted the part of a not overly-bright day worker in the homes of the women of Millburn and now and then gave readings before those in suburbs on the other side of the big city. With the benefit of her professional make-up—and the slim chance that the Millburn women would journey afar for entertainment, she felt she was secure from discovery.

One day when she went to a new address given her by one of her customers she was met at the door by a tall man.

"You are the girl who is going to clean up here once a week? Well, you will find it a hard task I'm afraid. My name is Black, Tom Black, and you will find brooms and what you need in the kitchen."

As she worked Malda smiled. Tom Black, the playwright, had been her hero for years. She could even recite some of his work. As she thought of the number of times that she had wished that she might secure his help to get on the stage it struck her as ridiculous that she should be sweeping his floor and polishing his furniture.

It was ridiculous, but pathetic, too, for now there would be no chance to interview him on the subject of her drama. The Millburn maid of all work aspiring to act! She could imagine how he would take it.

Without Tom's help Malda's readings won her enough attention to secure for her a coveted place in the legitimate. The same mail which brought the invitation carried one from the Millburn Women's club to give impersonations at the annual meeting. Malda deliberated a moment, then made up her mind. She would have her hour of triumph.

On the night of the entertainment the excited and rosy-faced Malda Sweet who worked as a housekeeper, instead, she was escorted with all honors to a dressing room and informed that she was booked upon the main attraction on the program.

At Malda's work. Her brooms and those brought gasps and furnished a sensation which will never be forgotten. For the characters enacted were the women of Millburn, at home and off parade. There was no need for her to give their names. Malda shifted from one to another and it all as good naturedly that she won to Thomas applause from all her victims. Then, at the close, she bowed forth as Malda Sweet, a Maude with a broom and the chore was over.

Back in the dressing room, removing the make-up Malda was frightened. They ought to be glad for the things she did not say or do, she reflected. Then she tried to console herself by thinking of the kindly way she had impersonated the women who had treated her so well.

"Those who don't know how to act to a certain degree to be punished," she chuckled to herself and then thought of the program finished, she could get on.

At the door a tall man, who stepped in.

"So you clean," he said, "there is no cleaning about after a triumph like that. I can only wonder why you did not show me before these things."

"Please let me go before it is over and they can see me. Was I too clean, too bright?"

"There! It was wonderful. A good lesson to them and to me. I must see you again, must have you." He spoke rapidly knowing she would escape. "I write plays, you know, and maybe can help." But Malda was gone.

"If course, he will see me again," Malda was saying to herself as she sped for a car. "He can't help it if he comes to see his new play rehearsal."

Wanted to Be Asked

Questions in English

"Was the man inquisitive?" asked a well-known attorney of a witness during a trial in Superior court.

"I don't know," replied the witness, "but the man who was causing most of the trouble."

"But I asked you if the man was inquisitive," persisted the lawyer.

"I don't know anyone by that name, I told you," shouted the exasperated witness.

When the court explained the meaning of inquisitive and the witness realized that it was not a proper name, he remarked: "If you'd make the lawyer talk plain English, we might get through with the case quicker."—Los Angeles Times.

To Prolong Blooms

"Clipping off faded flowers and preventing the forming of seeds is essential to a successful blooming of many perennials," says Nature Magazine. This is especially true with gilliflowers, cornflowers and others with long bloom periods.

Adrift With Humor

PRESENT TIME

A certain movie star over on the lot has been pestered to death for quite some time by an influential admirer, one of those chaps who's too important to be barred off the lot and who has to be kidded along.

The other day, doing his best to please, he tried to wheedle out of the cold beauty the day of her birth. "Oh, any time that is most convenient for you," she purred.—Los Angeles Times.

Happy Thought

"What are the seven men doing in your outer office?"

"I advertised for an efficiency expert."

"How you gonna pick him out?"

"I figured the most efficient would find some way of getting rid of the other six."

Aw, Make Up

"You look younger every day," said a well-known writer, who was not good at compliments, to a lady friend.

"Oh, but you flatter me!" was the coquettish reply.

"Do I?" he returned. "Well, suppose we say 'every other day' then."



"Do you think girls eyes show what kind of wit they have?"

"No, their eyes are sparkling most of the time."

Too Late for Discussion

Alfred (as he is known for work) — who you would leave me money for a new hat, Paul.

Paul—You should have mentioned it sooner. I haven't time to argue with you now.

Unhappily — "My husband is becoming very careful about his clothes."

"I never seem to notice it."

"Well, for instance, two buttons on his coat are gone, and he never thinks of sewing them on."

Dude Ranch

"Now we really hit it."

"I understand."

"Horseback riding tomorrow. Wear a flannel shirt."

All Over

Lady of the House hears the sound of craters crackling on the kitchen floor. "What are you doing?"

Tom—Nothing, ma'am; it's done.

Grace—Have you mapped the floor yet?

Ray—No.

Grace—No what?

Ray—No map!

HAD LOST HIS BALANCE

Magpie—"They say he's gone pretty widely in business." Harry—"He's lost his balance at the bank."

Fixing the Time

She—You know that I love you and can't be true to the last.

He—But how long shall I be the last?

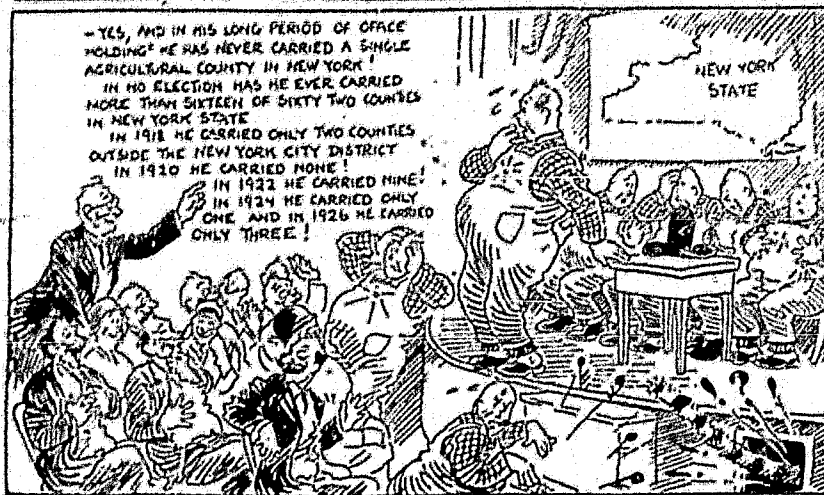
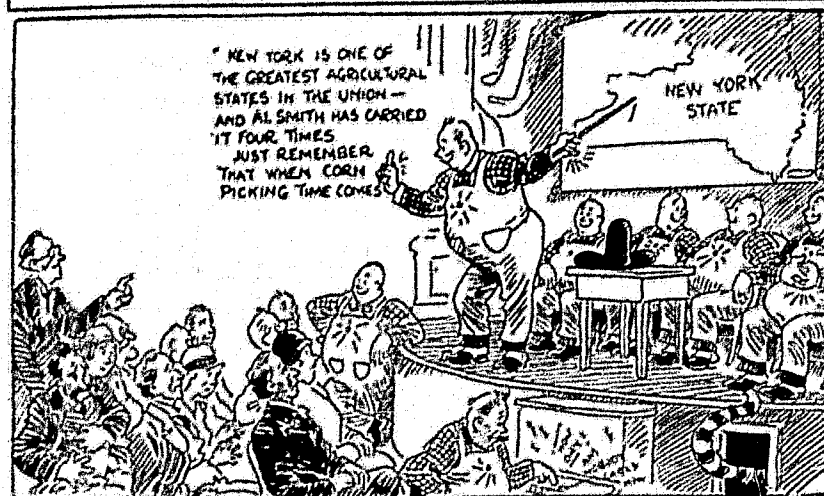
Company Cook

"Did you get a medal when you were in the army?"

"Nope! Nobody appreciated my cooking."

Tammany Missionaries in the Corn Belt

McCutcheon in Chicago Tribune



FIGURES DISPEL A SMITH MYTH

Returns Indicate the Governor Makes Poor Showing in Rural New York.

HAS BEEN LOSING GROUND

Agricultural Districts Vote Against Him—Strength Diminishes Rapidly From 1922 Peak.

Election statistics mark the fact that the great political popularity of Governor Smith in his own State is a Democratic fiction.

He has gained public support as the State executive only in New York City, and he has invariably failed to gain it outside of that city. As a candidate for Governor he would have been defeated, outside of New York City, at each of the four elections where that city gave him the office, and usually he would have been snowed under. He would have failed by net losses ranging from 93,000 to 410,000 votes.

Election statistics show that he has been a local leader only. He has never become a State leader because he has never gained the confidence of the State at large. Without the indispensable support of the Tammany organization in New York he would have remained a small factor in the politics of his State—a mere local politician.

The same statistics manifest that the last two of Smith's elections are far from proving that he has made any gain in the confidence of the State at large. On the contrary, these last two elections prove that he has lost a considerable share of the support he had previously received in the districts outside of Tammany control.

In 1922 he lost rural New York State, but he carried thirteen of the fifty-seven up-State counties. In the presidential election year of 1924 he captured but one up-State county—Albany, the official home county of the party in power.

Two years later, in 1926, he recovered no more than three of the twelve up-State counties lost in 1924, and he lost the State, outside of the usual Tammany controlled local hold in New York City, by over a third of the vote.

As many voters as he lost in the two years (1922) when he sought to become a real State leader. That is, at his last election, two years ago, he lost up-State by 236,350 votes, as against his corresponding loss of only 93,275 votes in 1922.

The indisputable figures of the election returns thus record that, despite Smith's national ambitions, he has, during his last two terms as Governor, retired a long distance backward from his desired, but unattained, post as a true State leader, to his old, original rank as a successful city politician.

We wonder what a retiring President, who has had his fill of the job thinks of the eager candidates who are looking for work, worry and trouble.

HOOVERISM

Progress of the nation is the sum of the progress of its individuals. Acts and ideas which lead to progress are born out of the womb of the individual mind, not out of the mind of the crowd. The crowd only feels; it has no mind of its own which can plan. The crowd is credulous, it de-

Coolidge Security

I consider it my duty to carry forward the principles of the Republican party and the great objectives of President Coolidge's policies—all of which have brought our country such a high degree of happiness, progress and security.—Herbert Hoover.

Ten Thousand Commandments

The basic principles laid down in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are as applicable today as when they were declared, but they require a host of subsidiary clauses. The ten ways to evil in the time of Moses have increased to ten thousand now.—Herbert Hoover.

Noble Roll of Honor

The men who have given themselves in the cause of science would make a noble roll of honor, though of many of them the world at large has heard but vaguely, says the London Evening Standard. Their exploits are not spectacular or, as a rule, set in picturesque surroundings. The imagination of all of us respond to the picture of the aviator precariously poised in his frail machine over merciless waters, or to the explorer isolated among the Polar snows, fighting for his life in a blizzard. The scientist in his laboratory overall just off one of our familiar streets is not at first sight so romantic a figure. He has left his commonplace home that morning and come by the bus or the train, which will carry him back to his commonplace home again at night. We find it hard to realize that in the interval he may have been facing wild adventure with the courage of a Lindbergh or a Scott.

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Fred and Henry Haynes were in Norway Wednesday on business.

Mrs. James Kuhn and daughter, Helen and Barbara, with their friend, Mary Higley, who have spent the summer in the Gerry house started to their home in Cleveland by motor on Thursday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Watson returned to Waterford from Haverhill, Mass., on Wednesday. The Watsons plan to attend the Oxford County Fair at Norway.

V. E. Abbott and wife were at their bungalow for a couple of days this past week.

Arthur Kingman has done shingling and cementing for Mrs. Martha Perry the past week, also some cement work for Mrs. A. A. Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Perkins spent last week with their sister, Mrs. A. A. Monroe. They left for their home in Bangor on Monday.

Laurence McKee of Milton, Mass., was a Labor Day guest at his aunt's, Mrs. Fannie Green's.

Mrs. Ada Mills, who has been in Harrison during the summer, spent a few days the first of the week at Mrs. Harriet Brown's, before going to her home in Albany.

Charles Nelson and Will J. Greene have completed their work at Robert Hill's in Albany, and are now putting finish on the Haynes Drive mill.

Shirley Brown and wife have spent the week with their mother, Mrs. Harriet Brown, returning to their home in Brookline, Mass., Friday, taking their son Arthur, who has been with his grandmother all summer, home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gosbee and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster of Penobscot, Mass., were week end guests, Labor Day, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw. Mrs. Gosbee spent the week with the Shaws and the rest of the party returned for her this last week end.

James Francis, Jr., of Boston spent the week end with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins.

The Phillips family closed their house Friday and returned to their home in Woodford after spending the summer here.

Wayne Pike, who has been visiting at his uncle's, Pearl Bradbury's, has returned to his home in South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warren of Portland, Carrie Haynes and family were in Harrison to a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sanderson on Sunday.

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LAST TWO PLAYS FOR LAKEWOOD SEASON ANNOUNCED

Famous Company of Players End Activities September 28th

The Lakewood Players definitely announce the closing of their 28th season on Saturday evening, September 28th, bringing to an end an extended summer run of nineteen weeks. This exceeds by two weeks the engagement of any previous season.

For the final two weeks of the season provision has been made for the presentation of two outstanding Broadway successes that merit wide attention. The play for the week of September 17 will be "Pigs", which ran for two years in New York under John Golden's management and served to focus attention on Lydia Westman to the extent that the young actress was elevated to stardom almost overnight.

Miss Westman will have her original role in the Lakewood production, and her charming interpretation of Mildred is considered the most individualistic characterization of a dramatic role Broadway has seen in many a day. The bright lines of this play, its cleverly constructed situations and wholesome humor mark it for something beyond ordinary entertainment.

"Pigs" will be perfectly cast at Lakewood to ensure full value to the unusual quality of its comedy, even down to the six little porkers who will appear in the entire act. It is a play of wide appeal to provide young and old with an evening of rare enjoyment.

For the week of September 24th, the final week of the summer season, The Players have selected "Her Husband's Wife", in which the late Henry Miller starred, to revive with a notable cast. Thurston Hall will have the Henry Miller role.

The play's author, A. E. Thomas, wrote, among other successes, "Just Suppose", the only play which has ever been presented twice at Lakewood during its 28 years existence. "Her Husband's Wife" has much the quality that made "Just Suppose" so widely popular, plus certain deftness at comedy in its swift-moving incidents.

This play ran a full year on Broadway and served Mr. Miller for two seasons on the road. In London it scored a brilliant success and is regarded in the continental theatres as a classic of American drama.

These two plays will give a splendid finish to the Lakewood season, which is the most successful year in the history of the unusual resort.

HANOVER

Miss Laura Willett, who has been the guest of Freda Worcester, returned to her home in Corinth, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrows of Gorham, N. H., were week end guests of Mrs. Rosa Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardy returned to their home in Sanford Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deering of Natick, Mass., who have been visiting at E. W. Stearns, left Monday morning to visit relatives in Minot.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dyke, Mrs. Adelaide Smith, and Miss Lillian Hopkins motored to Hallowell Saturday.

Freda Worcester left Tuesday for Farmington Normal School.

EXTENSION WORK IN COOPERATION WITH FARM BUREAU AT WATERFORD

The local committee, E. K. Kilgore, chairman and Farm Management Leader; B. W. Sanderson, Secretary; B. F. Wentworth, Club; A. L. Sanderson, Linnay E. H. Pike, Crops; Harold S. Pike, Dairy; W. K. Hamlin, Forestry; Wilson M. Morse, Orchard; C. D. Morse, Poultry. The following clubs have been reorganized this year: Keoka Room Improvement Club, Mrs. Harold Pike, Leader; Excelsior 4-H Garden Club, B. F. Wentworth, Leader; Bear Mountain Sewing Club, Miss Ada Curtis, Leader; Crooked River Cooking and Housekeeping, Mrs. B. F. Wentworth, Leader. Harold Pike is helping out with four other boys in club work.

Potato seed plots have been planted this year by W. K. Hamlin, J. O. Decker, H. S. Pike, and Charles Hersey, all of which have been rugged by the County Agent. Farm accounts are being kept by H. S. Pike and J. O. Decker.

Both the men and women showed a great deal of interest in the Farm Management meeting which was held March 9th and as a result of the meeting several of the men present indicated changes which they intended to make in their farm business. A Poultry account is being kept by A. L. Sanderson.

Waterford is also quite an orchard community. Pruning and grafting was demonstrated at E. K. Kilgore's this spring by the County Agent. Several of the men in this vicinity did some top-working. Assistance was rendered some of the men in securing good quality apple trees this spring. F. H. Morse & Son secured a good bunch and they are doing well.

The Selectmen of Waterford gave a lot of assistance to the County Agent and Farm Bureau by making a survey of all bulls owned in the county in order that the Extension mailing list might be corrected and to show who might be interested in a better bull.

At the planning meeting the members urged the County Agent to hold an all day Poultry Management meeting at South Waterford. This was held and as a result six poultry men indicated changes that they planned to make for the coming year. A culling demonstration is planned for this fall.

The membership in the Men's Bureau is as follows: W. K. Hamlin, W. M. Morse, E. K. Kilgore, Charles Nelson, J. O. Decker, Richard Jacobson, Geo. L. Hilton, W. W. Abbott, C. A. Hersey, Chester L. Holt, B. F. Wentworth, C. D. Morse, Harold S. Pike, Henry S. Haynes, C. S. McIntire, B. W. Sanderson, J. E. McIntire, A. L. Sanderson, Wilbur L. Bull, George Holt and C. S. Hamlin.

Work is the grand cure for all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind—honest work which you intend getting done.—Carlyle.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Harold Bartlett and son spent Thursday with Mrs. Harold Stanley. Richard Carter was in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Carter assisted at Naimoy's store Thursday and Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. William T. Green, who have been spending their vacation here, returned to Natick, R. I., Wednesday. Carey Stevens has been doing repair work on the Middle Intervale Baptist Church.

Ernest Morrisette is working for Stephen Abbott.

The Neighborhood Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buck. Outdoor games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Sixty-three people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tibbitts and Miss Margaret F. Carter spent Sunday with Miss Grace Carter.

Stanley Carter spent Friday and Saturday with Eldridge Berry of Bethel.

Miss Frances F. Carter, who has been spending the summer with Miss Grace Carter, has returned to her school in Portland.

Mrs. L. U. Bartlett attended the Fair Thursday.

Mrs. Harold Bartlett and son, Edward, spent Monday with Mrs. E. M. Carter.

Mrs. L. U. Bartlett attended the all day meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Alonzo Chapman Thursday.

Harold Bartlett was in Lewiston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ward are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Mrs. Mary C. Wiley spent Tuesday with Miss Grace Carter.

Wallace Jenson of Boston is spending this week with Mrs. E. M. Carter.

Charles Capen spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Capen.

NEWRY

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Orcutt of Conway, N. H., visited at Walter Powers' last Saturday and Sunday.

Irving French was in Errol, N. H., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers and family were in Upton one day last week.

There was a large crowd at the Circle Supper at the Hall last Saturday evening.

R. E. Hanson has finished his services at North Newry church and he and his wife will return to New York next Tuesday.

Maine Fair Dates

Sept. 11-13, Oxford County Agricultural, South Paris; W. O. Frothingham, South Paris.

Sept. 11-13, Penobscot and Piscataquis Fair, Exciter; Carl R. Smith, Exciter.

Sept. 12-13, Eden Agricultural, Salisbury Cove; George P. Fogg, Hulls Cove.

Undecided, Norridgewock Agricultural, Roland E. Everett, Norridgewock.

Sept. 15, Solon Agricultural; Joseph Matson, Solon.

Sept. 18, Greene Town Fair.

Sept. 18-19, Cumberland Farmers' Club, West Cumberland; H. H. York, Walnut Hill.

Sept. 18-19, Saint Georges Agricultural, Montville; E. B. Bean, Thordike.

Sept. 18-20, Franklin County Agricultural, Farmington; Frank E. Knowlton, Farmington.

Sept. 18-20, Washington County Agricultural, Machias; J. L. Andrews, Jonesboro.

Sept. 22, Embden Agricultural, Embden, Grant Witham, Embden.

Sept. 22, Parkman Agricultural, Parkman, Ruel W. Kimball, Parkman.

Undecided, Somerset Agricultural, Anson; C. O. Flanders, Madison.

Sept. 25-26, Wesserunet Valley Fair, Athens; W. A. Dore, Athens.

Sept. 25-27, Cherryfield Fair, W. G. Means, Machias.

Sept. 25-27, New Gloucester and Danville Fair, New Gloucester; C. H. Mc Cann, New Gloucester.

Sept. 25-27, North Knox Fair, Union; H. L. Grinnell, Union.

Sept. 26, Cochenewagon Agricultural, Monmouth; W. E. Reynolds, Monmouth.

Sept. 26, Waterboro Grange Fair, Waterboro; M. E. Hicker, Waterboro.

Sept. 26-27, North Oxford Agricultural, Andover; R. L. Thurston, Andover.

Sept. 27, Richmond Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, Richmond; Margaret Peabody, Richmond.

Undecided, Green Town Fair, W. L. Mower, Greene.

Oct. 23, Littlefield Farmers' Club, Ernest M. Lapham, E. 17, Littlefield.

Oct. 24, Lincoln County Fair, Danvers; Ed. B. Denney, Jr. Danvers.

Oct. 24, Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural, Acton; F. E. Young, Emery Mills.

Oct. 24, West Oxford Agricultural, Fryeburg; Olive L. Goldthwaite, Fryeburg.

Oct. 3, Tranquillity Orange Agricultural, Lincolnville Center; Bertrand Engley, Lincolnville.

Oct. 4, Leeds Agricultural, Leeds Center; J. G. Parker, South Leeds.

Oct. 9-11, Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural, Topsham; E. C. Patten, Topsham.

Nov. 20-22, Maine State Pomological, Portland; E. L. White, Bowdoinham.

Nov. 20-22, Androscoggin Poultry and Pot Stock, Lewiston; H. G. Crowley, Auburn.

Use Wings in Climbing

Widdings of the hoatzin, a singular South American bird, scramble about the branches of trees by the aid of their wings, used like hands. They have a temporary claw on both the index and pollex.

NORTH PARIS

Schools will begin Monday, September 10th with the same teachers as last year, Miss Aubine Grandemiro of Vanceboro in the grammar room and Miss Freda Colby of South Paris in the primary room. The walls and ceiling of both rooms have been redecorated, the woodwork varnished, and a new furnace installed.

Mrs. Charles Childs returned home Saturday from her visit in Boston.

Ethelyn Gibbs has finished work in Norway and is at home this week before going to Montclair, N. J., for the winter.

Clarence Coffin has been transferred from the Ham Company's mill at West Paris to their store and mill at East Sumner. He is boarding at Morris Fogg's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunham, Lynn, Mass., spent the week end and Labor Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Trask.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Griffin of Bethel were callers at S. E. Coffin's Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Abbott motored to Togus Sunday.

William Gibbs met with an accident at South Paris Friday and damaged his leg quite badly.

Dora Kimball is boarding with Mrs. Florence Pierce for a few days. She goes back and forth to her work at Norway with Mrs. S. I. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Wheeler and family visited friends in Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. S. I. Wheeler, Mrs. Jewell Cotton, Mrs. Wm. Emery, West Paris, and Mrs. Walter Valentine, Bethel, motored to Errol, N. H., Monday by the way of Newry and Grafton, coming home through Milan, Berlin and Gorham.

Mrs. Jessie Weston and baby, Clarence, are staying with her sister, Mrs. Ida Jacobs, at West Paris.

CANAL BECOMES A SUBWAY

Nine miles of an unused section of the Erie Canal traversing the city of Rochester, New York, has been excavated and converted into a high-speed subway for street cars, and a part of it for the transportation of freight cars. Construction work was commenced six years ago. The old bed of the canal was deepened and the floor, walls and roof constructed of reinforced concrete to accommodate street cars for a distance of nine miles, single freight track for a distance of seven miles, and an additional mile and a half double track. On top of the whole structure was laid out a wide street for vehicular traffic.

Outside of straightening some of the more awkward bends, the old canal bed was used in its entirety and converted into an extensive underground subway which will provide rapid transit both for passengers and freight.

The operation of electric cars has been leased to the local street railway, and the five street roads entering the city will also have use of the subway for the handling of freight.

The first electric cars were operated in this subway in September of last year and full passenger service was inaugurated a few months later.

NEW FINANCE PLANS ANNOUNCED BY FORD COMPANY

Arthur E. Herriek of the Herriek Bros. Co., Ford dealers, returned Monday from Portland where he received details of the new Ford finance plan. The new finance plan will be operated by the Universal Credit Company, an affiliated specialized organization controlled by the Ford Motor Company and operating solely for the purpose of financing Ford products on a "time" basis. The branch office serving this territory is located at 31 St. James Avenue, third floor, Park Square Building, Boston.

This is of special interest to prospective purchasers of Ford products on a "time" payment basis. It is a further finance plan, Ford customers will have a finance service available which is sound and in keeping with Ford policies and standards. The plan is nationwide in scope and for the exclusive use of Ford dealers.

It is another step of the Ford organization in reducing costs by controlling operations from the mine to the consumer. The cost of this service will be lower than any heretofore available to Ford customers on a national basis, and automatically reduces the price of Ford cars purchased on a "time" payment basis. It is a further expression of the established Ford policy of giving outstanding values and complete service to the consumer at the lowest possible cost.

The plan also contemplates the purchase by Universal Credit Company of sound and adequate fire and theft insurance, protecting the joint interests of the purchaser, the dealer, and the company in the car.

The purchaser receives a policy of standard form insurance providing protection for one year. Such policies are issued by the Home Insurance Company of New York, the largest fire insurance company in the United States. The policies provide for settlement based on the actual cash value of the car at time of loss.

The Universal Credit Company and the Ford dealer will work together in making this new economical Ford service available to all purchasers of Ford products on a "time" basis. Herriek Bros. Co., local Ford dealers, will be glad to explain all details of the plan, which applies to both new and used cars purchased from Ford dealers.

Jests, like sweetmeats, have often sour taste.

TAX REFORM BEGINS AT HOME

"Clearly the solution of our own local tax problem is local," said the Wall Street Journal recently. "New England is already beginning to perceive that imposing heavy tax burdens on the textile industry is no way to secure employment, profits and prosperity. The former in the West is carrying a much heavier burden in taxes than freight rates ever imposed. It was his own politicians who imposed the taxes after they had fooled him into believing that somebody else would pay them. Here is another case where reform begins at home."

"This is a subject which requires much more discussion than it has ever received. Our local tax burden is more than twice as heavy as that imposed for Federal purposes and it is growing worse at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year."

Various ways of bringing about a reform have been suggested. Many of them are valuable and practical, such as more explicit and standardized budget laws. But the difficulties in the main are unsolved and the tax burden imposed by local units of government continues to soar skyward.

The tax situation must be considered one of the most important problems of the times. If the reason is the obvious one—that politics has deserted business methods—it is high time that we put business again into government before the expense reaches such dimensions that it permanently damages our prosperity.

POULTRY ACCOUNTS LEAD TO INCREASED EGG PRODUCTION

Maine farmers have used over 4000 poultry account books put out through the Extension Service and County Farm Bureaus. Such popularity must be deserving. Some facts resulting from a study of the records kept by twenty of these poultrymen, who have been keeping an account of receipts and expenses for the last five years, gives a clue to the wide use these books are getting.

To begin with, these twenty men averaged to increase production 18 eggs per hen. Of the several factors upon which poultry profits are dependent, egg production is the most important. The more eggs the hen lays, the greater the profit. The flocks that averaged less than 130 eggs per hen per year, paid a labor return of \$2.02, while flocks averaging over 130 eggs paid \$4.98 per hen. What are you getting for egg production?

Average labor returns per hen for the five years were \$3.07, \$3.47, \$2.97, \$3.01, and \$3.70, showing little change from year to year. The average egg prices received by the twenty flock owners for the five years, were \$4.1, \$4.2, \$4.1, \$4.4, and \$4.1 per dozen. Yearly increases in receipts for eggs were largely due to increased egg production per hen.

Keeping an account therefore gives one a basis for intelligent culling, selection and breeding. Six of the poultry men selected brooders each year during the five years. The average egg production in these six flocks increased from 131 eggs per hen in 1922 to 174 in 1926. This fall there will be 10 selecting brooder demonstrations, three culling demonstrations and three killing demonstrations held in Oxford County by County Agent Donald H. Ridley, County Agent. Farm Bureau meetings are profitable to those who attend.

Early Lead Pencils

The first authentic allusion to lead pencils occurs in a work by Conrad Gesner of Zurich, written in 1565.

ODDS AND ENDS OF TELEPHONY

Washington and St. Louis now have a new direct telephone line, 887 miles in length, to take care of the increased business between these two cities. In addition to St. Louis calls, connections will also be made over the new line between Washington and Oklahoma City and Kansas City. Prior to this time many such calls had to be switched through Chicago.

According to telephone records, the first telephone call in Germany was put through on October 24, 1877, by the Postmaster General in Berlin. Since then the number of telephones in Germany has increased to about 2,770,000.

Buffalo's first telephone was located in a livery stable, and messages to non-subscribers were delivered by boys on ponies.

Two-thirds of all telephone wires in the United States are in underground cable.

A theatre built by Brigham Young in Salt Lake City in 1889 has been purchased by the Telephone Company. It is to be demolished and a new headquarters building for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company will be erected on the site. In this connection it is interesting to recall that a theatre at present occupies the site of the building in which the telephone was invented and first put to use in Boston.

A CENTURY OF RAILROAD HISTORY

Probably few Americans, to whom the spectacle and service of a great railroad train that carries them swiftly and safely over thousands of miles of track is nothing unusual, know that it was but one hundred years ago that the modest, experimental antecedents of the great monsters of today came into being in this country.

In 1825 work was started on our first railroad line, the Baltimore and Ohio. And two years later, in 1830 there were but 13 miles of rail in use. In 1826, after the passage of less than a century, railroad mileage totaled 412,611; there were 1,533,995 employees, and the lines paid combined federal, state and local taxes of over \$1,000,000 a day.

The story of this tremendous progress is one of the greatest of modern American romances. What our grandfathers laughed at were destined to become necessities of the future. Few people of the time would have believed that the absurd little engines and cars were the beginning of an industry which was to be called the backbone of modern life.

The railroads were built by men of vision, working towards an ideal. They are an example of what American initiative efficiency and science can do.

FLOUR SALE

PASTRY, Old Homestead, 89c
FINAST, an Ideal Bread Flour, 93c
KING MIDAS, selected all wheat, 1.00
All 24 1/2 Pound Bags

Red Salmon, tall can 25c
DUZ, large pkg. 21c
Ralston Breakfast Food, pkg. 21c
Quick Cook Oats, Finast, pkg. 19c
PRUNES, 40-50 Santa Claras, lb. 9c
MATCHES, 6 boxes, 20c
Sunshine Hydrox, lb. 33c
White Maine Corn, Finast, can 14c
Schoolboy Chocolates, pkg. 9c
Kirkman's Soap, 5 bars 25c

FOLLY

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It was some consolation. "Well,"
old, "let's eat breakfast, anyhow."
We ate it.

reed so. I may mention right here that I found out why Father objected when I read their interviews with me later. I talked to them all at once and yet no two of them put the same words in my mouth. They all had the main facts correct, but when they got

"I hadn't noticed that there were any large sales of X Y Z," he said. "I

ment of the road. From what Fred told me last night I gathered that

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